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SUMMARY

Even before the announcement that the 19th All Union Communist Party Congress would open on Oct. 5, there were indications in Soviet regional radio and press material of a "house-cleaning" in preparation for the important and long overdue meeting.

Vigorous denunciations of "high-handed administration," nepotism, log-rolling and other offenses by Party officials were aired repeatedly, and there is evidence that drastic action has been taken in certain cases against conspicuous offenders against Party discipline.

The most notable victim was O. Abdalov, until recently a leading official of the Turkmenian Communist Party Central Committee and chief editor of TURKMENGOSIZDAT, denounced as "a rabid nationalist." The crime of nationalism and other ideological failings were a problem not only in Turkmenia, but also in the Ukraine, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Moldavia and the Karelo-Finnish Republic.

The much criticized Ministry of the Timber Industry was under fire again, this time for faulty selection of personnel, a deficiency due to the connivance of officials in securing the employment of undesirable employees and to the absence of criticism from the staff of the Ministry.

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